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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 8, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed along with a Notice of Appeal, requesting a two-months extension of time with requisite fee.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.